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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: COINS Network Improvement

1. Mr. Van Foster briefed the attendees (Attachment) at a meeting on 18 June 1973 on the activity of the COINS Communications Working Group (CCWG). Specifically the CCWG is charged to improve the communications system by making the COINS interactive and thereby improve the response time.

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3. The gut issue, I believe, revolves around the overall system user requirements. That is the projections of number of files and number of users on the system 2, 3 or 5 years hence. This will directly impact upon the communications required for the COINS network; i.e., type of IMP and communication channel bandwidth. The concept of centralized vs. distributed data bases is also an integral part of this issue. Also involved is the relationship between COINS and IDHS (Intelligence Data Handling System) and the World Wide Military Command and Control System (WWMCCS). These issues were not addressed by the ASD/I COINS Evaluation Review Group. Therefore the basic problem is not in my mind to make the present system interactive (in 18 to 24 months) but what is the projected configuration and use of the system for the future and the resultant communications required. These questions should be addressed prior to approving the COINS communications plan.

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